In June 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Resources Division (WRD), is planning to launch a new information system called MiWaters. MiWaters will be a state-of-the-art, comprehensive, Web-based permitting and compliance database. The system will replace over 25 applications and databases currently used by the WRD, some of which are over 30 years old.

MiWaters will establish a streamlined electronic permitting process, allowing Michigan to fulfill federal electronic reporting requirements and providing an online component for access to public information. The focus of MiWaters will be permitting and compliance, including Aquatic Nuisance Control permits. One of our focuses in developing MiWaters is to create a system that makes it easier for the WRD to communicate with, and provide services electronically to, our regulated community. Below is a list of some of the functions and features that MiWaters will provide:

• Permit applications will be submitted electronically.

• All permit-required submittals, such as treatment reports, will be submitted electronically.

• Those with a MiWaters account will be able to manage permissions, deciding who can view, edit, and submit applications or submittals.

• MiWaters will provide near real-time notifications, to the permittee, of any violations determined by the system or by staff, providing permittees with an early “heads up” and opportunity to correct problems.

Upon implementation of MiWaters, paper applications for ANC permits will no longer be accepted.

Additional information will be made available prior to the implementation of MiWaters.